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SUBJ: UNICEF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S  
MEETING WITH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR THUNBORG ON APRIL  
21, 1977

REF: A) STATE 89712 B) USUN 1172

1. AS PLANNED, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR THUNBORG MET WITH  
AMBASSADOR YOUNG APRIL 21ST, TO DISCUSS THE UNICEF  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP POST. THUNBORG PROVIDED A COPY  
OF THE SWEDISH "TALING POINTS" PAPER, WHICH HE DESCRIBED  
AS A NON-PAPER. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO SECRETARY-  
GENERAL WALDHEIM AND TO THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD  
COUNTRY MEMBERS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT,  
I.E. TANZANIA, INDIA AND PALISTAN. (COPY OF "TALKING  
POINTS" AND MICHANEK'S CURRICULUM VITAE POUCHED TO  
WING IO/DHP.)

2. THUNBORG STATED THAT HE WAS PROVIDING THE U.S.  
WITH THE TALKINGPPPOINTS PAPER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT  
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WAS THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO DEAL WITH THIS  
QUESTION IN AN OPEN AND ABOVEBOARD MANNER; AND TO  
INDICATE THAT HE WAS UNDER FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO VOICE  
THEIR STRONG INTEREST IN THIS POST. THUNBORG EXPRESSED  
AWARENESS OF THE IMPRTANCE OF UNICEF IN TERMS OF THE  
AMERICAN PUBLIC'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UN SYSTEM AS A  
WHOLE AND THE EFFECT ON EFFORTS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRA-

TION TO MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTION IN THE FUTURE.  
THUNBORG'S ORAL PRESENTATION CLOSELY TRACKED THE  
TALKING POINTS PAPER:

A) SWEDISH CONSIDERS PERMANENT U.S. OCCUPANCY  
OF TOP DEVELOPMENT POSTS AS A U.S. EFFORT TO MAINTAIN  
A MONOPOLY ON THEM. FOR INSTANCE, LAST YEAR THE SWEDES  
SOUGHT THE TOP UNDP POST FOR MICHANEK AND LOST IT TO  
BRAD MORSE. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS THAT THE U.S. HAS HAD  
THE TOP IBRD POST SINCE CREATION OF THE BANK.

B) SWEDEN IS ERIOUSLY UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE  
UN GIVEN ITS LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION, AND THIS VIEW IS  
SUPPORTED BY USYG DAVIDSON. (SWEDEN LOST THE HIGH  
RANKING UNEP POST IT SOUGHT AND WILL ALSO BE LOSING  
ITS HIGH LEVEL PEACE KEEPING POST.) CONSERVATE  
ELEMENTS IN SWEDEN ARE BEGINNING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE  
SIZEABLE LEVEL OF SWEDISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN  
SYSTEM AND THE LACK OF ANY DEMONSTRABLE RETURN.

C) SWEDEN DOES NOT INTEND TO PUSH THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL NOW ON THIS MATTER BUT THEY DO INTEND  
"TO SHOW THEIR FLAG IN MANILA". THEY SEE THE DECISION  
PROBABLY DEFERRED UNTIL OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER . (FYI  
THUNBORG INDICATED IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THE SYG  
WAS HOPEFUL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED WOULD SOLVE THIS  
PROBLEM BETWEEN THEMSELVES. END FYI)

3. PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPLAINED  
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AND EMPHASIZED TO THUNBORD THE IMPORTANCE OF UNICEF  
TO THE U.S., U.S. PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO THE UN AS A  
WHOLE, AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS AT INCREASING OUR  
COMMITMENTS. HE STATED "THE POLITICAL REALITIES ARE  
SUCH THAT WE NEED THIS POST".

4. DURING MEETING THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF  
SPECIFICS IN TERMS OF SIZE OF UNICEF CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
PERSONNEL. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO THUNBORG THAT WITH  
A SWEDISH CONTROLLER (D-2) AND NORWEGIAN HEAD OF AD-  
MINISTRATION (D-2), THE ADDITION OF ANOTHER SWEDE AT  
ITS HEAD WOULD MAKE UNICEF A LOPSIDED NORDIC ORGANIZATION.  
(AS OF JANUARY 1977 ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS THE U.S.  
HAS NO D-2 POSTS AND A TOTAL OF 7 D-1 POSTS.) THUNBORG  
HAD STATISTICAL INFORMATION AT HIS FINGERTIPS BUT FELT  
THAT THIS KIND OF DETAILED INFORMATION WAS NOT GOING TO  
DECIDE THE QUESTION.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE SWEDES ARE PREPARED TO LET

THIS MATTER LIE STILL UNTIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER  
WE SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH DEFERRAL IS  
TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN ACHIEVING OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE.  
RATHER, WE WOULD PROPOSE KEEPING THE PRESSURE ON  
WALDHEIM, REITARATING AT AN EARLY JUNCTURE OUR VERY  
STRONG INTEREST IN THIS POST. FURTHER, WE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO  
TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE SWEDISH CLAIMS  
CONCERNING THEIR UNDER-REPRESENTATION AT THE UPPER  
LEVELS OF THE UN SYSTEM, AND INDICATE TO THE SYG  
THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS ON HIS PART TO TAKE THIS  
FACTOR INTO CONSIDERATION IN MAKING HIS NEXT HIGH  
LEVEL APPOINTMENT.  
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